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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE the Application of: Group Art Unit: 3676 In-Soo Jung Examiner: Michael J. Kyle Serial No.: 10/701,718 Filed: November 4, 2003 For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR REINFORCING LOCKABLE TELESCOPING POLES BACKGROUND

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed May 17, 2005. Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time up to and including September 17, 2005. With the granting of this petition, this response is being timely filed within four months of the mailing date of the Action.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

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